



AMENDMENTS

Kindly amend the application as follows:

In the Specification

On page 8 lines 3 and 4, please delete --and this can be reversed--.

In the Claims

Claims 1, 3, 8, 9, 14 and 16, please amend as follows:

1. (Amended) Apparatus for keeping food warm and moist comprising:

a [substantial] pouch that bounds an insulated and substantially water impermeable food warming chamber;

the pouch having opposing substantially coextensive lips; [capable of being moved apart for providing food passage to the warming chamber and for providing a partial vapor lock for the warming chamber]

a passive, non-sealing engagement between the lips;

the passive, non-sealing engagement between the lips causing a partial enclosure of the warming chamber;

Clean copy of amended specification, page 8, first paragraph:

considered engaged or otherwise joined, superimposed layers, and layer 23B directly opposes and is substantially coextensive with layer 13A of pouch 11. In another embodiment, the inner surface of layer 13A that faces and at least partially defines chamber 14 may be equipped or otherwise associated with a cloth or cloth-like layer. Layers 23A and 23B are joined with an adhesive and/or with sewn features 24 as shown for the purposes of example, and edge 23C is reinforced with a continuous bead 25, which prevents the free edges of layers 23A and 23B from fraying and this may be accomplished in other ways such as with sewn reinforcements, glue, etc. In another embodiment, bead 25 may comprise the structure for engaging the free edges of layers 23A and 23B together. Given that element 21 is substantially identical to element 20, element 21 is denoted with the same reference numerals used to describe element 20 and they are each accompanied with a prime ("'") symbol for clarity. Edges 23C and 23C' substantially oppose each other and define generally the opposing and substantially continuous distal extremities of elements 20 and 21, respectively. In Fig. 1, the substantially continuous distal extremity of element 20 is denoted

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a¹ generally at 26, and the opposing and substantially
continuous distal extremity of element 21 is denoted
generally at 27.
